MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : No definite proposals have been received.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I ask whether *any proposal* and not *any definite propsal* has been received from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes, the Registrar has recommended that a Land Mortgage Bank should be established.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Was that recommendation made in the Report of the Banking Enquiry Committee or was it made after the Financial Secretary's statement in Karkatakam 1106 ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Government have received no report from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in regard to the establishment of a Land Mortgage Bank after the Financial Secretary's speech in 1106.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Did the Government address the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the subject and call for a report as stated in the Financial Secretary's speech?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Did the Government get any reply?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : There were a number of difficult questions to be settled in connection with the starting of a Land Mortgage Bank. For that purpose a conference was called. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Financial Secretary to Government, the Chief Secretary to Government, the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and the Census Commissioner met under the presidency of the Dewan. The main points were settled. The Registrar and the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil were asked to draw up a definite scheme on the lines of the points settled at the conference. They drew up the scheme which was again considered by Government and the result of the consideration will be issued in the form of a G. O. soon.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : How long will it take for the publication of the G. O. ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : It will appear in the next Tuesday's *Gazette*.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) : Sir, before the House proceeds with the regular business of the day, I would request your permission to make a statement in regard to a matter of considerable public importance. In the provisional list of business to be transacted in this session of the Council, the first, second and the third readings of the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill were also included.

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PRESIDENT: Just tell me what statement you are going to make before you go on.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): A statement as to what has happened to the first, second and third readings of the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill that were included in the provisional list.

PRESIDENT: The agenda has already been settled and it has been before the Council. You cannot go behind that and make a statement.

MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Sir, it is a matter that is looked forward to, by many sections of the people, as being one of considerable importance.

PRESIDENT: If you wanted that statement to be made, you ought to have taken my permission. I do not allow that statement being made here.

THE TRAVANCORE PARTITION BILL.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Partition Bill. Before moving for its second reading, I wish to point out that the Select Committee's report on the Partition Bill was supplied to the members only two days back. The rules of the House say that at least seven days previous to the consideration of the Bill copies must be made available for the use of the members and at least six days' notice must be given about the amendments. I think that some of the members feel that they had not sufficient time to go through the Bill and send in amendments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the Bill, may I know what the recommendations of the Select Committee are?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The Select Committee has not made any recommendations. The function of the Select Committee was only to submit a report.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what the majority opinion of the members of the Select Committee is?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The member has a copy of the report. He can go through it and find out what the majority opinion is.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): May I remind the member that the Select Committee's report and the Bill as amended were published in the *Gazette* dated 8th December 1931, and a copy of the *Gazstte* was sent to all the members.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Standing Order 37, clause 1, sub-clause (i) says that if a copy of the report of the Select Committee has not been made available for the use of the members for seven days or if three months have not elapsed since the date of the first publication of the Bill, any member may object to its being taken into consideration. Not that I am particular about the number of days, but some of my friends are of opinion that they got a copy only two days back and were therefore unable to send in their amendments.

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